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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - JANUARY 7

FOR POLADS
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1. HIGHLIGHTS:

--THE PRESS REPLAYS SUBSTANTIAL EXCERPTS FROM FORMER DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TOWNSEND HOOPE'S NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE CRITICIZING THE U.S. SALT POSITION (SEPTTEL).

-- A FRONT PAGE IZVESTIYA EDITORIAL ON ANGOLA REAFFIRMS SOVIET SUPPORT FOR THE MPLA AND DENOUNCES ITS OPOONENTS AS SERVANTS OF "INTERVENTIONISTS". IT LEAVES OPEN THE POSSIBILITY OF SOVIET SUPPORT FOR OAU MOVES, BUT OTHERWISE CONVEYS A HARDER LINE THAN JAN 3 PRAVDA ARTICLE (SEPTTEL).

-- ON THE MIDDLE EAST, TWO ITEMS OMIT THE THIRD POINT (GUARANTEED SOVEREIGNTY FOR ALL STATES IN THE REGION) IN THE USUAL SOVIET FORMULATON FOR A SETTELEMENT.

-- PRAVDA REPLAYS AN ARTICLE FROM THE FRENCH COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER HUMANITE WHICH MENTIONS ADVANTAGES OF DETENTE FOR COMMUNISTS;

-- FINNISH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER SORSA IS IN TOWN, AND THE MEXICAN AMBASSADOR MET WITH GROMYKO ON JAN 5.

2. MIDDLE EAST. A PRAVDA COMMENTARY BY YURI GLUKOV DENOUNCES ISRAEL'S DECISION TO BOYCOTT THE UNSC MIDDLE EAST DEBATE AND SAYS THAT THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM CAN ONLY BE SETTLED THROUGH ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED SINCE 1967 AND THE GRANTING OF "NATIONAL RIGHTS" TO THE PALESTINIANS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO FORM A STATE. IZVESTIYA REPORTS AN INTERVIEW WITH SOVIET SUPREME COURT CHAIRMAN SMIRNOV WHO LED A DELEGATION TO ALGERIA. BESIDES AFFIRMING BOTH SIDES' SUPPORT FOR "NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS", AND SPECIFICALLY FOR THE MPLA, SMIRNOV SAID THAT THEY DISCUSSED WORLD "HOT SPOTS". SMIRNOV'S FORMULATION FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE WAS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS PRAVDA'S, AGAIN NOTABLY OMITTING THE USUAL SOVIET PHRASE ABOUT GUARANTEES FOR ALL STATES OF THE REGION. IZVESTIYA NOTES ISRAEL' WILLINGNESS TO RESUME THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, BUT WITHOUT PLO PARTICIPATION, AND PRAVDA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CITES EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY THAT THE CONFERENCE, WITH PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION, COULD RESUME IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR.

3. FRANCE. PRAVDA REPORTS AN ARTICLE FROM L'HUMANITE BY YVES MOREAU PRAISING "PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE" AND THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. THE ARTICLE, AS QUOTED,S SAYS FLATLY THAT "DETENTE PROVIDES THE BEST CONDITION FOR NEW LIBERATION SUCCESSES," AND THE CONSISTENT

THREAD OF THE ARTICLE IS THAT DETENTE IS GOOD FOR COMMUNISTS.
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